

Future Farms (\$2,000,000). I would ban earmarks as we know them, but as long as these earmarks are available, I'm going to apply for them in an effort to pursue federal funding opportunities for my district. For non-defense projects in the current earmarking system, I work closely with local governments, civic organizations, non-profits and business development authorities to identify and prioritize projects important to local communities in Georgia's Eighth Congressional District (and sometimes elsewhere). I only request funds for projects authorized by law for federal funding and do not do so for private parties or entities. This research project will help farmers: 1) improve farm-based communication technologies, 2) develop clean energy, and 3) protect natural resources. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will help our nation transition to clean energy sources and develop sustainable farming techniques to ensure the long-term productivity of agricultural lands. Beneficiary: University of Georgia, College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, 109 Conner Hall, Athens, GA 30602.